

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

a2 The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) and 35 U.S.C. 365 of International Application No. PCT/EP00/02385, filed 17 March 2000, which was published in German as International Patent Publication No. WO 00/60586 on 12 October 2000, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application No. 199 14 325.0, filed 30 March 1999.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following at line 6 on page 1 of the specification.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

a3 Please insert the following at line 27 on page 2 of the specification.

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

a4 Please insert the following between lines 24 and 26 on page 3 of the specification.

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

a5 Figure 1 is a graphical representation of  $\Delta n$  (birefringence) as a function of time during repetitive writing / deletion experiments performed on an optical recording material according to the present invention, as represented by Example 3 herein.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

Please replace line 1 of page 30 of the specification with the following.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

a6 IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1-14 with the following

1. (Once Amended, Clean) An optical recording material for at least one of

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